

WEATHER.

Fair tonight, with lowest temperature 25 degrees tomorrow, increasing cloudiness, with slowly rising temperature. Temperature for 24 hours ended at 2 p.m. today: Highest, 42, at 2 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 29, at 8 a.m. today. Full report on page 14.

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Ownership of Mosul Oil Fields and Capitulations Bring Deadlock.

ANXIOUS DELEGATES STILL CLING TO HOPE

Turks Assert Allied Stress Upon Special Courts for Foreigners Is Mask for Real Dispute.

By the Associated Press.

LAUSANNE, December 29.—The American delegates at this afternoon's meeting of the subcommittee on minorities made an appeal in behalf of the hundreds of thousands of refugees from Turkey. They asked the Turks to provide in their amnesty arrangements for the return of these refugees to their former homes, if they so desired, with the assurance that they would not be deprived of their property.

LAUSANNE, December 29.—Ismet Pasha sent a letter to Marquis Curzon this afternoon reaffirming his demands that the Allies divide the valuable oil fields, he turned over to Turkey. The note denied the British contention that the Kurds who inhabit the district are not friendly to the Turks, and want Mosul to remain under the Arab government of Iraq.

LAUSANNE, December 29.—The near east peace conference stood today on the verge of failure, the danger of a break-up facing it from several causes, chiefly the contest over the ownership of the Mosul oil fields and the question of capitulations.

The Allies are stressing the capitulations issue, taking a firm stand against the subjection of foreigners in Turkey to the jurisdiction of the Turkish courts and insisting that special courts with foreign judges sitting in them must be set up in cases in which foreigners are involved.

The Turks are strongly resisting what they declare to be the invasion of Turkish sovereignty that would thus be brought about, but their delegates insist that it is not the question of capitulations that is the gravest danger of a conference failure. "The oil issue," they declare, "is the real one on which the allies are prepared to make a stand."

Firm on Oil Demands.

The stress which the allies are placing upon the capitulations question, the Turks assert, is to mask their strong interest in the rich oil fields involved in the dispute over possession of the Mosul vilayet, which the British insist they never will surrender and which the French are firm in declaring their inalienable property.

The deadlock continued unbroken today, the arrival of fresh instructions to the Turkish delegation from Ankara. The entire situation has been declared by the Turkish delegation to be a "dead end," and the Turkish delegation has declared that they will drag on until the Turks see how the reparations conference of the premier Paris treaty conference.

Despite the critical state reached by the conference with hardly a single country having been able to grant the Turkish demands, the delegates, although anxious and apprehensive, have not given up hope that an adjustment finally will be reached.

Lord Curzon Retorts.

Europe and America insist that special courts, upon which foreign judges sit, must administer justice to foreigners in Turkey. Marquis Curzon, British ambassador in Ankara, has retorted that such courts would be an infringement on Turkish sovereignty, in fact, he reiterated this declaration so often at yesterday's stormy meeting of the commission that the Turkish delegation Lord Curzon retorted:

"I beg that Ismet Pasha wrap up his own case. He has not yet answered this question of Turkish sovereignty, which nobody wishes in the least to offend. Turkey is not the only country which enjoys sovereignty; many other powers have it and frequently greater powers than Turkey submit questions to international tribunals without fear of impairing their sovereignty rights."

Bergdoll had declared that Turkish laws and Turkish courts were the equal of any in Europe so often, Lord Curzon continued that he had actually come to believe it.

Seems Turkish Courts.

Child Warns Turkey.

Ambassador Child's warning that Turkey was a train as a hobo, police nations which have repudiated their obligations if she wipes out all the capitulations and grants to herself something instead of a guarantee of her treaty pledges created a marked impression on the conference and among the delegates, who regarded the address as advice to Turkey not to isolate herself as Russia has done.

Among other things Ambassador Child said:

"These practical ends to which the sovereignty of Turkey would devote itself under the national development would be the substitution of new treaties, with their rights and obligations, for old agreements which might not be considered to meet the needs of the time, or the justice, or of the new conditions. We can believe that in this attempt Turkey would find fair and generous treatment from the other nations, including our own, in exchange for fair and generous treatment accorded by Turkey."

"But if her policy should be along the lines of Russia, she would be isolated."

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Uncle Joe Quits Smoking; Strange, But Only Too True

Here is the most important piece of near-news in the National Capital today.

Uncle Joe Cannon has quit smoking!

The asterisks denote pause for amazement, consternation, possibly incredulity. Everybody will be surprised, the cartoonists will be appalled, the doubting Thomases will say, "It can't be done."

But it has been done—it has been going on for a week. How did he do it? Well, he says he just up and stopped.

Ever since he has been in the public eye he has been visualized with the inevitable cigar in his mouth. All the cartoonists will have to get a new angle on what the old New York Sun used to call his "early Assyrian features."

Dr. McKoin Says He Would Rather Die Than Go South.

CONTINUE MURDER PROBE MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED

Sheriff Waits on Governor—Identity of Men in Mob Is Known.

By the Associated Press.

BAITMORE, Md., December 29.—Further action in the case of Dr. E. J. McKoin, arrested here Tuesday for the murder of W. J. Daniels and Thomas Richards after they were alleged to have been kidnapped last August by a white-robed mob at Mer Rouge, La., is not expected until next Tuesday. At that time, it is believed, Gov. Albert Ritchie of this state, action on the request for McKoin's release, will be taken.

Dr. McKoin, a former mayor of Mer Rouge, was charged with the murder of Daniels and Richards Wednesday on an affidavit of the sheriff of Moorehouse parish. The murdered bodies of the two men were discovered in Lake La Fourche after the lake had been dynamited by unidentified persons.

Dr. McKoin stated in an interview at the city jail today that he would rather die than go to the state penitentiary at Mer Rouge. He predicted that there "would be more bloodshed than ever" if he ever put his foot on Mer Rouge soil again.

McKoin in Hospital.

Dr. McKoin declared his conviction that his life would not be safe guarded there despite the presence of troops. The jail at Mer Rouge, he said, was a one-story dilapidated brick building situated outside the town. It was not less than 100 yards from the town, he said, and he had had previous dealings with them and knew that there "would be many who would lay down their lives just to kill McKoin."

Dr. McKoin developed a cold after he had been transferred from central police station to the city jail. He complained to the warden and medical officer of the hospital, otherwise he "felt splendidly."

A telegram received from Attorney General Clegg last night said that Special Deputy Sheriff L. E. Calhoun would leave Baton Rouge for Mer Rouge today with the doctor and extrajudicial papers. He is not expected to arrive until late tomorrow.

Sunday. McKoin's condition is not expected to improve until he is able to obtain Gov. Ritchie's signature until Tuesday.

Lawyer Denounces Officials.

It was stated by former United States District Attorney Robert R. Stiles, who acted as legal counsel for Dr. McKoin, that McKoin should Gov. Ritchie act unfavorably toward the doctor, an attempt would be made to obtain a federal writ of habeas corpus in the United States circuit court of appeals. Dr. McKoin was released on bail yesterday after refusing on the writ of habeas corpus obtained in city court Wednesday.

Prior to yesterday's hearing, Gov. Parker of Louisiana telegraphed Stiles, Attorney General Clegg, asking him to delay proceedings, pending the arrival of the sheriff who was to take McKoin to the state penitentiary.

The governor's telegram was read in court. After arguing the case, the first, "rumor" McKoin to the police "without prejudice." It is believed the message influenced the decision.

The tactics of the Louisiana authorities were bitterly denounced by Attorney Clegg last night when he heard that the papers had not been dispatched to Baltimore.

"A gross fraud was practiced on my client," he declared. "The Louisiana authorities gave the Maryland authorities a gross fraud."

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SLASH IN ELECTRIC RATES CONSIDERED BY UTILITIES BOARD

Recent Report Shows Company Is Earning 9.38 Per Cent on D. C. Valuation.

APPEAL FROM LAST CUT BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Consumers Pay Old 10-Cent Rate. Difference Going Into Trust Fund.

The Public Utilities Commission is considering a reduction in the rates of the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Walter C. Allen, secretary to the commission, announced today that a public hearing on electric current charges will be held in the boardroom of the District building at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday, January 31.

The announcement came on the heels of a report filed with Col. Keller yesterday by Mr. Allen, showing that for the past eleven months the power company earned a return of 9.38 per cent on the commission's valuation of the property.

Rates Cut Year Ago.

At the present time the rate for current to households is 7 and 67-100 cents per kilowatt hour, or a fraction less than 8 cents. More than a year ago the rate was 8 1/2 cents, but since that time the commission has ordered two 3 per cent reductions.

William F. Ham, president of the power company, said today that in considering the return on fair value for the past eleven months it should be remembered that for the first three months of this year higher rates were in effect. The point he made was that the existing rates had been in effect throughout the eleven-month period the return would have been less.

Mr. Ham said that according to his calculations, the company's return for the past eleven months was a fraction above 8 per cent.

Although the present rate to householders as fixed by the commission is slightly less than 8 cents per kilowatt hour, users of current are actually paying the company the old 10-cent rate and will continue to pay that much until the litigation now pending the United States Supreme Court has been disposed of.

Difference Held in Trust.

If the commission, as a result of this hearing, orders another reduction in rates it will mean that the company will keep less of the 10 cents and put more of it into the trust fund, which now amounts to more than \$2,000,000.

This impounded fund has grown into millions since 1917, when the company obtained an injunction from the District Supreme Court restraining the commission from enforcing an 8-cent rate for current until the courts have determined whether the commission was right in estimating the value of the company's property.

A reduction in the commission's rate at this time would serve to intensify interest in the decision of the United States Supreme Court, because the company would pile up a larger sum in the impounded fund, which eventually either will go to the company or be returned to consumers in proportion to the current they have used since 1917.

WILL TAKE OATH TUESDAY

Pierce Butler, Recent Supreme Court Appointee, Arrives Here

Pierce Butler of St. Paul, recently confirmed by the Senate to fill the vacancy upon the Supreme Court bench made by the resignation of William R. Day, reached Washington today and will take the oath of office when the Supreme Court meets next Tuesday. He called at the Capitol during the day and was invited by Chief Justice Taft to be his guest at dinner tonight.

Shook Does No Damage, However, Rome Report Says.

By the Associated Press.

ROME, December 29.—An earthquake was felt at Avezzano in the province of Aquila, at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon, according to a message received here.

No damage was reported.

Warrant for Man.

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U. S. May Set German Police Dogs On Bootleggers After Experiment

Bootleggers, beware!

German police dogs, of savage jaw and keen scent, may soon be on your trail. The government is investigating the matter.

The first "rumor" may be turned loose in Washington. If successful here, it is possible, the government will consider using the powerful animals in a nationwide campaign.

Officials of the prohibition unit, have had the subject presented forcefully to them by a Washington man who is an authority on dogs, an expert trainer, a writer, and importer of German police dogs. He owns high bred and specially trained animals of his own.

Officials of the prohibition unit today declared they had been impressed with the possibilities presented in the use of such dogs for trailing bootleggers.

The Washington importer has not only presented his arguments for a nationwide campaign by dogs against the bootlegger, but has offered personally to train the first dogs in the new science of "rumor hunting," become a prohibition agent himself, and take the dogs out on the trail. The application of the im-



GIRL DISAPPEARS, ELOPEMENT HINTED

Mother Appeals to Police to Find Gwendolyn Holland, Eighteen Years.

WARRANT OUT FOR MAN

Declared Already Married—Daughter Said He Had Strange Influence Over Her.

A city-wide search is being made today for Gwendolyn Holland, eighteen years old, who disappeared from her home in the Chastleton apartments, 15th and R streets, last night, and is believed by her mother to have eloped with a man believed to be married.

According to Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, the girl's mother, Gwendolyn became infatuated with this man last autumn at a dinner party given by her mother. In this city, Mrs. Holland and Gwendolyn were guests of honor, and immediately after dinner a close friendship between the man and Gwendolyn sprang up. He called on the young woman frequently at her mother's apartment, and when he was questioned as to his being a married man, he is said to have declared that he expected to get a divorce immediately.

Declared to Be Under Influence.

When an agent of the Department of Justice informed Mrs. Holland that the man had not yet been divorced, Mrs. Holland said she forbade her daughter from going with him. Gwendolyn admitted to her mother, the latter said, that she was under his influence.

"Please keep me away from him," the mother said her daughter pleaded.

"You have the right to forbid me going with him, but I can't seem to break away, because he seems to have an influence over me. Just give me time and I think I will succeed."

Mrs. Holland learned Wednesday that her daughter had not reported for work at the headquarters of the daughters of the American Revolution, where she is employed as a clerk. Investigation disclosed that the girl was at the home of the man's parents, but when Mrs. Holland went there, she says her entrance was barred by the man. Later she saw her daughter, who at first refused to return home, but late that same night arrived at her apartment in the Chastleton apartments.

Holland says, the man called on the girl at her place of employment and persuaded her to go home and get her clothes.

Warrant for Man.

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Deposed Sultan Will Soon Seek Refuge in Mecca

By the Associated Press.

MALTA, December 29.—Former Sultan Mohammed VI of Turkey, it is understood, will leave for Mecca next Monday aboard a British warship. He will, presumably, be landed at Jeddah, the port of Mecca on the Red sea.

Shortly after the flight of Mohammed VI from Constantinople, on November 17, to escape threatened trial by the Turkish nationalists, dispatches from Cairo announced that the king of the Hedjaz had invited him to take sanctuary in Mecca, where he was promised treatment in keeping with his rank.

KATO DENOUNCED ON CHINESE POLICY

Privy Council Resolution Unprecedented in History of Japan.

By the Associated Press.

TOKYO, December 29.—The Kato government's policy in its dealings with China were condemned today in a resolution adopted by the privy council and addressed to the prince regent. Such action is unprecedented in the history of Japanese politics.

The privy council, which will be presented to Crown Prince Hirohito, is understood to have adopted a resolution which would mean the resignation of the Kato cabinet.

The resolution would mean the resignation of the Kato cabinet, which meets Saturday, may decide to present to the prince a counter resolution explaining its policy and await his decision before taking action.

Premier Kato and Foreign Minister Uchida, in New Year messages, strongly support the policy of peace by compromise exemplified by the Washington agreements. In another message Premier Kato urged the prince to pay attention to the national defense.

Premier Kato declares that "if the fundamental spirit of the Washington agreements is duly respected by the people of the future, the world will be free from war."

The foreign minister points out that the Japanese facts have not been ratified fully, they already are bearing fruit, as is shown by the naval estimates for America, Great Britain and Japan, and by Japan's evacuation of Siberia and Shantung.

Peace and Compromise.

"Japan's policy in the future," he added, "will be based upon the principle of peace and compromise."

The minister of war considers the evacuation of Siberia and Shantung a step forward in the realization of peace in the far east. He sees, however, "a situation in neighboring states far from stable, so that Japan is beset with difficulties which will be more serious if the people lack the spirit of loyalty and patriotism."

Minister Yamashita, referring to the reduction of armaments, asserts that "it is earnestly to be desired that the nation should fully understand the importance of the national defense, so that what is lost in quantity may be made up by improvement in quality."

BERNHARDT LEAVES BED.

Stricken Actress Able to Have Luncheon With Household.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, December 29.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was distinctly better today. She was able to leave her bed and had luncheon with the members of her household.

The physicians, it was announced today, have found no evidence of organic disease or chronic illness and have come to the conclusion that the recent collapse of the famous actress was due only to overexertion and strain.

FULL RECIPROCITY FOR AUTO DESIRED

Marylanders Would Remove All Restrictions Between State and D. C.

CONFERENCE IS PLANNED

Time Believed Ripe to Put an End to All Discrimination.

That a favorable sentiment exists in Maryland among automobile owners for reciprocity with the District of Columbia and that officials of that state may consider a plan to drop the bars to reciprocity, even if the Curry amendment to the agricultural reciprocity bill, virtually forcing reciprocity, does not pass Congress, and even if the gas tax is not put into effect in 1924, is the information given District motorists today by officials of the National Motorists' Association.

William Ullman, chairman of the advisory board of the motoring organization, was in conference today with Raymond Beck, field secretary, at which time a plan was evolved to call a meeting of officers of the association and state highway and police officials of Maryland.

Motorists Favor Move.

The Maryland Automobile Club, probably the most powerful automobile association in the state, and affiliated with the National Motorists' Association, is said to have had a change of sentiment regarding reciprocity with the District of Columbia. H. M. Lucius, secretary of the club and well known in automotive circles both in the District and Maryland, was reached on the telephone today after the conference of Mr. Beck and Mr. Ullman.

While not making any definite statement, Mr. Lucius, secondly, stated that there were many motorists in the state who felt the same way.

The Automobile Club of Maryland, formerly an American Automobile Association affiliation, has always been bitterly opposed to reciprocity with the District. If the change of sentiment ascribed to it is borne out, District motorists will have a powerful ally.

The conference with Maryland officials, out of which the N. M. A. hopes to get favorable action on the reciprocity bill, will be called at the earliest possible moment. Those who will be asked to attend are: Raymond Beck, secretary of the Maryland Automobile Club; John F. Mackall, state highway commissioner; Gov. Ritchie, and officials of the N. M. A. and the Maryland Automobile Club.

Mr. Lucius said that he would attend the conference and would take the matter with the automobile club, it is understood.

Urges Free Highways.

Should the conference materialize, officials of the N. M. A. will before Maryland officials the situation of reciprocity as it has stood for many years, and ask that the bars be dropped unconditionally. It is understood that the conference has nothing to do with the proposed amendment of Representative Curry's or the gas tax legislation proposed to go on effect on January 1, 1924, but will deal solely with the growing sentiment throughout the country for free highways communication throughout the states.

According to Mr. Beck, the newspaper statement attributed to him, to the effect that the N. M. A. would oppose the Curry amendment, was a misinterpretation of his words. He stated that the N. M. A. favored any movement to bring about reciprocity between Maryland and the District, but that the organization had taken no stand on the Curry proposal, for the reason that it was something that could be killed with a single objection, which would undoubtedly come from a Maryland representative.

NEW WORLD AIR MARK.

More Than 172 Miles An Hour Attained by Italian Seaplane.

MILAN, December 29.—The aviator Pansalova, flying an Italian machine, today made what is claimed to be a world record for speed in a seaplane.

He attained an average speed of 277.392 kilometers (172.33 miles) an hour, and a maximum speed of 281.250 kilometers (174.680 miles). The previous record held by a British aviator was 235 kilometers (146 miles).

No Half Holiday Tomorrow for U. S. Employees

Federal employees will not be granted a half holiday tomorrow.

This was decided upon at the cabinet meeting at the White House today, and it was made known from a high source that the President personally was unfavorable to the suggestion that he be- come a half holiday tomorrow as they did for the Saturday afternoon preceding Christmas.

It was explained, however, that the President and his advisers did not think it advisable at this time to grant this holiday, and that they did not look upon the day in the same light as they did the Saturday preceding Christmas, when the holiday extended then was necessary to permit many of the employees to do their last-minute shopping.

It is considered doubtful if any member of the cabinet will of his own initiative grant the employees a half holiday tomorrow afternoon. Although this has been done from time to time in the past, it was pointed out at the cabinet meeting today by more than one member that the gathering that department heads had authority to grant half holidays, and that the controller of the Treasury could hold up the pay of employees given holidays unofficially.

SENATE PRESSES FOR PARLEY VOTE

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